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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam? IF THEY (FDA) WANT TO MAKE IT MANDATORY, LET THEM PAY! MY FIRST HEARING AID WAS DONE BY AN AUDIOLOGIST, AND NEVER WAS SATISFACTORY. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A TOP LINE UNIT. I COULD NOT KEEP IT IN MY EAR FOR ONE COMPLETE DAY.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

AS STATED ABOVE, AND I LIVE IN THE COUNTRY, AND HAVE TO HAVE SOMEONE DRIVE ME TO TOWN. IT WOULD BE A BIG UNNECESSARY PROBLEM, BESIDES, WHAT CAN AN AUDIOLOGIST TELL ME THAT MY OWN EARS CAN'T BY THE FREETRIAL OF A MAIL ORDER UNIT?

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

LET THE FDA SPEND THEIR VALUABLE TIME MAKING HONEST! EVALUATION OF PRODUCTS; UNDER THEIR SUPERVISION; NEEDING APPROVAL TO BE MARKETED IN THIS COUNTRY.

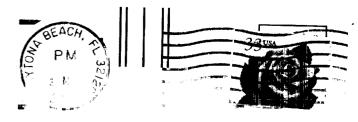
I HAVE HAD MY MAIL-ORDER HEARING AIDS FOR SEVERAL YEARS. AND AM TOTALLY HAPPY WITH THEM.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose? POSITIVELY! "YES"!!, AND ANY OTHER LEGAL ITEM OF MY CHOICE

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